

## Talking Points

# Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation Act

### National Council of Jewish Women's Message

NCJW believes that access to comprehensive, affordable, equitable, and legitimate health care is a basic human right. Our Jewish value of *kavod ha bri'ot*, to hold respect and dignity for all, compels us to work towards achieving reproductive freedom for everyone. However, abortion care has long been under attack. With reproductive health clinics disappearing across the country, and entirely from certain states, Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs), which spread misinformation about pregnancy and abortion, are thriving. The Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation (SAD) Act (HR 8210/S 4469) would assist in ensuring the information patients receive regarding their reproductive health is both medically accurate and unbiased.

**Congress must pass the SAD Act to protect patients across the country from harmful disinformation and affirm the right to determine our own lives.**

- **People of color and young people are some of the groups disproportionately impacted by the Supreme Court ruling overturning the right to abortion. Now, access to *legitimate* abortion clinics is more important than ever.** While CPCs frequently advertise themselves as medical providers of comprehensive health care, and market to people who experience unplanned pregnancy, they generally do not employ licensed medical personnel nor provide referrals for birth control or abortion. Instead, CPCs intentionally mislead patients about their options during pregnancy and delay time-sensitive care, obstructing patients' right to honest and accurate medical treatment.
- **The right to access legitimate information regarding one's own reproductive health should be protected.** Consistent with the Jewish value of pursuing *tzedeck* (justice) for all, NCJW opposes laws that restrict the essential right to receiving truthful, unbiased information about personal health and relevant care options, including abortion care. If legislators do not act on the relentless spread of medical disinformation now, the health and autonomy of pregnant people across the nation will be further diminished.
- **The Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation (SAD) Act would create a critical tool for ensuring patients' right to legitimate information.** The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to prohibit deceptive or misleading advertising related to the provision of abortion services and authorizes the FTC to collect penalties from entities in violation. Additionally, the SAD Act acknowledges the harmful influence the vast network of CPCs has on our country by spreading dangerous and deeply biased information. If passed, the bill would ensure people receive accurate, objective, and complete medical information when seeking reproductive care, thereby advancing health equity and justice.